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C A L L F O R N O M I N A T I O N S

Enclosed with this Newsletter is a ballot for the nomination of Divisional officers for 1948-49. Will you make your nominations according to the instructions on the ballot, and send the ballot promptly to the Chairman of the Committee on Nominations and Elections? It is hoped that a very large number of members will send nominations. Make our Divisional democracy work by doing your part!

Only Fellows of the Division are eligible for nomination as President-elect. Any member (Fellow or Associate) may be nominated to the other offices. See the November Newsletter (Vol. 1, No. 1) for a list of the membership.

Last September, the Division adopted a rather complex system of nominating. For President-elect, two nominations are made by the members on the primary ballot, and two are made by the Committee on Nominations and Elections. All four names will be submitted to the members on the final election ballot. Nominations for other offices follow the same principle. See Article V of the By-Laws for the details (Newsletter No. 2).

Laurance F. Shaffer, Chairman
Committee on Nominations and Elections

C A L L F O R C O M M U N I C A T I O N S

The Committees and the Newsletter have begun their work. The contributions to this work by the membership have been limited so far, however. Your officers, Committee chairmen and the Newsletter need your ideas and contributions. The Division should crystallize the thinking and interests of clinical psychology. It will be able to do so only to the extent to which every member makes the problems he meets and the ideas he generates known to the public through the channels of the Division.

P R O G R A M C O M M I T T E E A N N O U N C E M E N T

The convention Program Committee of the American Psychological Association will print its call for papers in the forthcoming American Psychologist. That call for papers

applies to our Division also, excepting that our deadlines for abstracts remain as announced in Newsletter No. 3, March 1, March 15, and April 1 and that we will make our own arrangements as to the length of papers on the program.

We would like your suggestions for invited lecturers in the following form:

- (1) If you go to the Boston meetings next September, what psychologists would you most like to hear and on what topics would you most like to hear them read papers?
- (2) In your opinion what is the most significant psychological publication (article or book) which has come to your attention in the past twelve months and whom (in addition to the author) would you like to hear discuss it?

Submittal of abstracts constitutes a promise to appear and deliver the paper in person, unless prevented by conditions beyond control. The abstracts should contain a statement of (a) problem, (b) procedure, (c) results, (d) conclusions.

R E P O R T O N T H E Q U E S T I O N N A I R E

The request of the A.B.E.P.P. that the Division express its opinion concerning the examinations reached us late. The officers of the Division felt that they should not express an opinion without obtaining an expression of the opinion of the membership. The questionnaire sent to the membership was drawn up rather hurriedly. Shortage of funds forced us to mail it out as forth class matter as early as was feasible (January 17th). Since the A.B.E.P.P. set a deadline of February 1 we had to set one of January 26th. Regrettably, the questionnaire reached many people only on the 26th. It is a credit to the membership of the Division and the Division as a whole that on January 28th when the official tally was made we had 167 returns, or 19%. The total returns, counting the belated ones, were 240, or 28%. All were used.

The table on the next page gives the tally of the returns. It lists the fields of examination in the order of the mean ratings obtained from the returns. The columns of the table give first the mean rating, then the number of returns which rated the field in question 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 respectively. Finally, the last column accounts for results of a typographical error: in the questionnaire the word rating was mistyped for ranking and a number of returns actually ranked rather than rated the fields. The last column gives the mean of these rankings. The numbers outside of the parenthesis give the figures of the tally of the total returns, the numbers in parenthesis give the tally of January 28th. The tally indicates that there is high agreement on the fields of "personality dynamics", "psycho-diagnostic techniques", "psychological therapy and re-education", "psychopathology", "interview techniques", "case history evaluations", and "fundamentals of tests and measurements."

There was quite an array of "written-in" fields. The bulk of these referred to scientific method and methodology. The comments concerning these writings stressed the role of the clinical psychologist as a researcher. The emphasis was not on the statistics of the experimental design but rather on the theory of clinical investigation and on the training of the clinical psychologist to cope with the problems of clinical research.

It should be emphasized that this questionnaire pertained only to the written examinations planned by the A.B.E.P.P.

Fields	Mean Rating	1	2	3	4	5	Mean Ranking
Personality dynamics	1.5 (1.4)	143 (106)	19 (14)	7 (4)	7 (5)	8 (5)	1.8 (1.8)
Psycho-dia- gnostics	1.5 (1.5)	137 (95)	32 (26)	6 (5)	5 (4)	10 (8)	3.1 (3.2)
Psychopathol.	1.6 (1.6)	124 (93)	49 (35)	17 (13)	3 (3)	9 (6)	3.6 (3.8)
Psych. therapy and re-educ.	1.6 (1.6)	132 (97)	39 (32)	15 (10)	9 (7)	7 (4)	4.7 (4.7)
Interview tech- niques	1.8 (1.8)	97 (71)	66 (52)	27 (19)	5 (3)	8 (6)	4.9 (5.5)
Case history evaluations	1.9 (1.9)	92 (67)	67 (51)	27 (19)	5 (4)	10 (8)	5.8 (6.2)
Tests and mea- surements	1.9 (1.9)	103 (72)	54 (42)	23 (20)	15 (11)	8 (6)	4.8 (5.1)
Developmental Psychology	2.1 (2.1)	71 (52)	64 (48)	42 (36)	11 (5)	11 (7)	5.6 (6.1)
..... Principles of Learning	2.6 (2.5)	57 (44)	59 (42)	36 (29)	29 (24)	29 (19)	8.7 (7.2)
Basic statist.	2.6 (2.5)	50 (36)	51 (40)	62 (45)	24 (19)	17 (12)	8.1 (8.7)
Inter-Prof. re- lat. & ethics	2.8 (2.9)	42 (30)	44 (29)	54 (42)	34 (26)	28 (23)	13.0 (14.4)
Medical infor- mation	3.0 (3.1)	22 (16)	49 (31)	67 (50)	33 (28)	32 (25)	6.9 (7.3)
Sociol. & an- thropol. of behavior	3.0 (3.0)	20 (18)	46 (30)	71 (54)	43 (32)	23 (17)	6.0 (6.1)
Vocational guidance	3.0 (3.2)	21 (13)	48 (34)	61 (43)	48 (41)	24 (19)	9.3 (9.3)
Biological sciences	3.1 (3.1)	28 (21)	41 (29)	59 (44)	39 (30)	35 (26)	8.4 (9.0)
Educational guidance	3.1 (3.2)	21 (14)	41 (28)	60 (42)	52 (45)	28 (21)	10.5 (11.2)
Remedial in- struction	3.2 (3.4)	16 (11)	37 (26)	64 (47)	52 (36)	33 (30)	11.7 (12.4)
History of clin. Psych.	3.8 (3.9)	15 (11)	15 (8)	42 (32)	54 (39)	79 (61)	13.0 (15.0)

ADDRESSES OF DIVISIONAL OFFICERS
AND CHAIRMEN

Several members of the Division have suggested that a unified list of officers and Committee chairmen, together with their addresses, be published.

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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M I D - Y E A R M E E T I N G O F E X E C U T I V E C O M M I T T E E

The membership meeting in September 1947 stressed the desirability of close communication within the Executive Committee. Considering the meeting of the American Orthopsychiatric Association a good opportunity for such a meeting since it is usually attended by many psychologists, Doctor Shakow polled the members of the Executive Committee and the Committee chairmen concerning the feasibility of such a meeting at that time. Out of the total number of 18 Executive Committee and Committee chairmen, 14 answers were received, 12 indicating that they would participate. Thus, the first mid-year meeting of the Executive Committee of the Division will take place on one of the days of the Ortho meetings (April 12-14). The agenda of the meeting will be organized along the lines of Committee functions. The major emphasis will be on the following:

- a. Program Committee: Particularly the preparation of the program of the day preceding the official convention and devoted to discussion of professional policies.
- b. Committee on Psychotherapy, Committee on Private Practice and Committee on Professional Relations: Particularly in relation to the current discussions concerning therapy by psychologists in the meetings of the Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry.
- c. Committee on Job Opportunities: Particularly relative to whether this Committee should serve as a clearing house for employment of psychologists.
- d. Committee on Examinations in Clinical Psychology: Particularly in relation to the A.B.E.P.P. certification examinations.
- e. Committee on Research: Partly in relation to the convention program and partly in relation to the role of the Division in surveying and stimulating research.
- f. Committee on Post Graduate Education: To clarify recommendations to the Policy and Planning Board of the A.P.A. in relation to post-graduate education.
- g. Committee Structure of the Division in the next year.

The membership of the Division is requested to send suggestions and inquiries pertaining to the meeting of the Executive Committee to Dr. David Shakow, President.

I N F O R M A T I O N

MEMBERSHIP STATUS

As of February 6, 1948, we have 217 applications on file which have not as yet been acted upon. Of these, 64 applications for Fellowship and 74 applications for Associateship have already been processed by the office of the Secretary-Treasurer and are now being processed by the Membership Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

The Committee on Diagnostic Devices has begun its activities and asked that the following communication be published. The Committee is planning to organize a symposium for the Boston program.

"One of the functions of this newly formed Committee is to attempt to answer inquiries concerning the clinical significance of various diagnostic instruments. Last year

the Executive Committee received several questions of this type from members of the Division but, because of the pressure of other duties and the lack of an agency whose specific task it would be to deal with these matters, it was unable to answer these inquiries. With the information of the Committee on Diagnostic Devices it is now possible to assume this task. Clinical psychologists, especially those who do not have convenient access to the literature, are invited to submit questions concerning diagnostic devices they may have to the Chairman of the Committee. A question will be considered either by members of the Committee or by a specialist particularly qualified to deal with it. The inquirer will receive a personal reply or, if the question seems to be of general interest, the answer may appear in the Newsletter, The American Psychologist, or other appropriate publication."

Signed: Arthur L. Benton, Chairman of Committee on Diagnostic
Devices

610 South Floyd Street, Louisville 2, Kentucky.

The Committee on Nominations and Elections is already at work, as their message in this Newsletter and supplement indicate.

The Program Committee's work is reflected in the call for papers in Newsletter No. 3 and their call for suggestions concerning invited lecturers in this Newsletter.

The Committee on Professional Relations has begun its work and has started planning part of the program of our day of professional discussions preceding the convention.

The Committee on Psychotherapy is preparing a poll concerning the situation of psychotherapy in contact with Dr. Chester Bennett. The Chairman of the Committee, the Divisional President and Doctor Miller, who are either consultants to or members of the Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry, Committee on Clinical Psychology, met in Chicago to discuss problems of psychotherapy preparatory to the Executive Committee meeting and the meeting of the G.A.P. in April.

The Committee on Examinations in Clinical Psychology: Dr. Robert Holt, who is a member of this Committee, processed the returns of the questionnaire concerning the A. B.E.P.P. examinations, the results of which are published in this Newsletter. He is to be congratulated on the intensive work which he devoted to this task.

Committee on Clinical Psychology of the A.P.A. (Chairman, Dr. David Shakow): Members and consultants of the Committee will visit the training centers for clinical psychology in February to gather data for an evaluation of all these centers by the Committee.

CORRECTIONS

Dr. Shaffer calls our attention to a typographical error in the By-Laws as printed in Newsletter No. 2. Article V, Nominations and Elections, 2. Nominations. (Line 13, page 6 of Newsletter No. 2) reads "...and 2 persons for each other office as there are positions to be filled." This should read "and 2 times as many persons for each other office as there are positions to be filled."

In the INFORMATION section of Newsletter No. 3 Dr. Molly Harrower's name was--due to incomplete information--omitted from among the names of clinical psychologists who are consultants to the Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry.



